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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA

SUBJECT: History of Proposed Chase Policy

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REFERENCE: A. (OUT 18253)
B. (IN 90694)

1. Listed below are ideas that were considered when our proposed chase policy was formulated:

- a. Higher experience level in A-12 aircraft.
- b. Use of ARC-50 as flight following aid.
- c. Discrete SIF/IFF as flight following aid.
- d. Introduction of SOA to keep itinerant aircraft out of our area.
- e. Saturation of F-101 capability due to expected increased A-12 activity.
- f. Extended speed and altitude envelope of A-12.
- g. Extended range of A-12.
- h. Impossibility of complete F-101 coverage for planned extended flights.
 - i. Flying safety (multiple currency).
 - j. Denied use of F-101 for its primary mission (companion trainer).
 - k. Increased reliability of A-12 aircraft.
- l. Need for increased number of F-101 aircraft and pilots if attempt is made to chase or act as a communications relay for all future A-12 flights.

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m. SSB radio installation.

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2. In response to [] wire [] (1179):

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a. Reference paragraph A.: It is still felt that it is not only prudent, but a practical impossibility, to attempt to chase all A/AF/R-12 sorties. Only flights outlined in our proposed chase policy should have an airborne chase aircraft.

b. Reference paragraph B.: Currency and AFM 60-1 minimums would be more beneficial if judiciously flown rather than on attempted communications relay or full throttle chase. Delineation of specific aircraft currency for specific aircrews would insure 60-1 requirements, and must be faced in the resolution of the entire chase/support aircraft question. In addition, only designated "Key" Supervisory Personnel are required to maintain currency in "Primary Mission Aircraft" in standard Air Force tactical units.

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c. Reference paragraph C.: This paragraph's intent was misunderstood []. Question - Would Mr. Johnson object if he were denied the use of F-101 chase on other than envelope extension flights? No further comment.

d. Reference paragraph 2.: Only an A-12 can effectively chase an A-12. Therefore, regardless of aircraft type (F-101 or T-38) no current Air Force aircraft can do a really effective job. However, it is possible that a better aircraft than the F-101 for the chase mission is currently in the military inventory.

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